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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Previously presented) A vaccine vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid

molecule which encodes SEQ ID No: 2, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is operably

linked to a promoter functional in a mammalian cell.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The vaccine vector of claim 8 further comprising

another nucleic acid encoding an additional polypeptide which enhances the immune

response to the polypeptide having SEQ ID No: 2, wherein the additional polypeptide

is a *Chlamydia* polypeptide.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (Previously presented): A vaccine comprising the vaccine vector according

to claim 8 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 12-39 (Canceled)

Claim 40 (Currently amended): The vaccine vector of claim 8 wherein the promoter

is a viral promoter.

Claim 41 (Currently amended): The vaccine vector of claim 9 wherein the promoter

is a viral promoter.

Claim 42 (Previously presented): The vaccine of claim 11 wherein the promoter is a

viral promoter.

Claim 43 (Canceled)

Claim 44 (Previously presented): The vaccine vector of claim 8 wherein the promoter

is cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter.

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Claim 45 (Currently amended): The vaccine <u>vector</u> of claim 9 wherein the promoter is cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter.

Claim 46 (Previously presented): The vaccine of claim 11 wherein the promoter is cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter.

Claim 47 (Canceled)

Claim 48 (Previously presented): The vaccine vector of claim 8 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule which encodes SEQ ID No:2 is SEQ ID No:1.

Claim 49 (Previously presented): The vaccine vector of claim 9 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule which encodes SEQ ID No:2 is SEQ ID No:1.

Claim 50 (Currently amended): The vaccine vector of claim 11 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule which encodes SEQ ID No:2 is SEQ ID No:1.

Claim 51 (Previously presented): The vaccine vector of claim 40 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule which encodes SEQ ID No:2 is SEQ ID No:1.

Claim 52 (Previously presented): The vaccine vector of claim 44 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the nucleic acid molecule which encodes SEQ ID No:2 is SEQ ID No:1.